

## Spring Overcoats and Hats.

A Spring Overcoat is an immediate necessity.  
**\$10 to \$25.**

Spring Hats are due. We've all the blocks of all the good makers.  
\$3 for as Good as There Is.

Our Spring Styles in Light-Weight Suits are ready for an early inspection.

New ideas in Spring Neckwear and Furnishings.

The Children's Department, too, is fully stocked with most attractive wearables in Russian Blouse, Norfolk, Sailor and Vest Suits.

### House Cleaning.

To make room for the New Spring Goods, which are arriving every day now, we want to get rid of a few remnants of Last Season's Suits for Men and Boys.

The lines are not complete, but if your size is here the prices will tempt you.

## Browning, King & Co.

### NEW YORK FEARS THIS STRICKEN SHIP

Six Deaths Under Strange Conditions on the "Karamania."

MAY BE ASIATIC CHOLERA.

A Rigid Quarantine Has Been Instituted and the Health Officers Are Investigating—Comes From Marseilles.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
New York, March 14.—Lying about a third of a league off quarantine yesterday was the Anchor Line steamship Karamania, from Mediterranean ports. The yellow flag of quarantine was flying from her fore-topmast, and craft of all kinds gave her a wide berth. During the voyage six out of 800 persons on board had died under strange circumstances, and after displaying symptoms which Health Officer Doty fears were those of Asiatic cholera. Whether the disease has infected any more of those exposed to it will not be known for several days.

When the health officers boarded the Karamania on her arrival yesterday morning, the ship's surgeon and a surgeon assigned to the vessel by the Italian Government reported the six deaths and described the symptoms that had preceded demise, but refrained from expressing any opinion as to what the disease might be.

The Karamania touched at Marseilles, Palermo and Naples. Two days out from the first port, where a fair proportion of the original 725 steerage passengers were taken on, one of the sailors of the crew became ill. He complained of nausea. Then another sailor was stricken. This was on February 8, while the steamship was bound for Palermo. Two more sailors soon showed like symptoms, and the four were ordered to the ship's sick bay. Spasms followed the onset of nausea, and two of the patients lapsed into a state of coma and died. The third fought off the stupor and recovered, and, although the fourth man became weaker and weaker, he was still alive when Palermo was reached, and was sent to a hospital there.

Whether he died or not is not known. The head physician of this institution declared the patient had been poisoned, and, while told that three others had been similarly stricken, two of whom had died, he gave it as his opinion that all four had been poisoned. The surgeon, however, was not, however, stated, and the crew and the small army of stateroom passengers concluded that the sufferers had been the victims of noxious gases that might have emanated from the cargo.

Two days out from Naples, February 21, a sailor was found in a stupor. It was remarked that he had been in the same compartment where his four shipmates had been stricken. He was rushed to the deck, and in a short time regained consciousness. Asked how he came into the condition in which he was found, he said he went into the compartment and was almost immediately seized with an attack of nausea. He attempted to cry out, but a heavy stupor overcame him, and he knew nothing more until his eyes opened upon the waters of the Mediterranean.

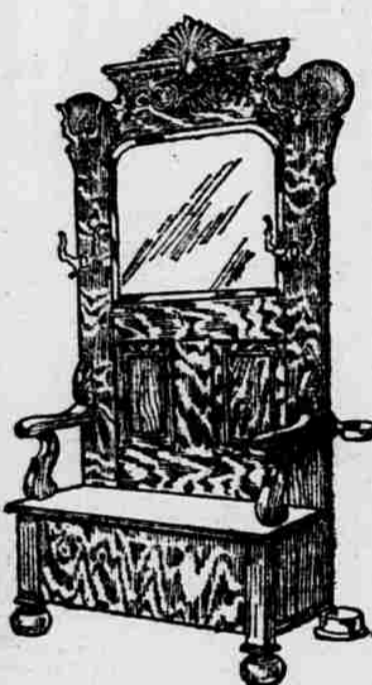
During the next five days, according to the report of the ship's doctors, all the sailors who ventured into this compartment were immediately seized with nausea and abdominal pains and rushed out in panic, but recovered in the open air on deck. After that nobody dared enter the place. Orders were given that the section be stripped. This was done, after which it was disinfected and closed.

On February 27, a passenger complained of pains in the stomach. He was hustled to the ship's hospital. Two days later, on March 1, two more passengers became ill. These two passed rapidly through



## A SALE OF BEDROOM FURNITURE WITHOUT PRECEDENT.

An opportunity to secure the choicest and best productions in Bedroom Suits, Dressers, Brass and Iron Beds at great savings. We're crowded, crowded to the very walls of our spacious floors, and display space is of more value to us than profits. The daily arrival of goods and the backward tendency of the season are not helping us. We've decided to force matters, cut prices to the very core, lose if necessary, but attain our end. It's room we want—we're willing to pay dearly for it—but we're going to have it. This sale means dollars in your pockets, beauty in your homes.



### Reductions in Hall Racks

Do you need a Hall Rack? We're making prices that will create a demand. We are going to tempt our visitors with the most magnetic combination ever brought together. A combination of extremely high qualities and low prices, \$40 Hall Racks for \$27.50, \$38 Hall Racks for \$22, \$25 Hall Racks for \$16.50, \$20 Hall Racks for \$12.50, \$12 Hall Racks for \$6.75 and \$8.00. Hall Racks for \$4.98

### SACRIFICES IN BEDROOM SUITS AND DRESSERS.

	Former Price	Reduced to
Oak Bedroom Suits, strongly built.....	\$21.00	\$14.75
Oak Bedroom Suits, finely finished and polished.....	\$30.00	\$19.50
Mahogany finished Bedroom Suits, neatly carved.....	\$42.00	\$26.50
Quarter sawed Oak Bedroom Suits, beautifully arranged.....	\$50.00	\$31.50
Mahogany Veneered Bedroom Suits, handsome designs.....	\$65.00	\$45.00
Quarter sawed Oak Bedroom Suits, Colonial design.....	\$75.00	\$50.00
Oak finished Dressers, spacious, with large mirror.....	\$12.00	\$ 8.75
Select Oak Dressers, pattern mirror tops, swell bases.....	\$18.00	\$12.00
Mahogany finished Dressers, exquisite carvings, are standard.....	\$28.00	\$19.00
Colonial shaped quarter sawed Oak Dressers.....	\$38.00	\$25.00
Mahogany Veneered Dressers, full swell fronts.....	\$50.00	\$34.00
Full swell front quarter sawed Oak Dresser.....	\$65.00	\$43.00

### SACRIFICES IN IRON AND BRASS BEDS.

	Former Price	Reduced to
Strongly built Iron Beds (any size).....	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.89
Brass Rail Iron Beds, guaranteed malleable iron.....	\$ 6.50	\$ 4.00
Beautifully scrolled Iron Beds, brass trimmings.....	\$10.00	\$ 6.50
Aristically designed Iron Beds, fancy colors.....	\$16.50	\$10.00
Brass and Iron Beds, in combination colors.....	\$24.00	\$16.00
Steel frame Beds, fancy brass trimmings.....	\$35.00	\$23.00
All-Lacquered Brass Beds, beautiful designs, heavy posts.....	\$45.00	\$29.50
Brass Beds, exquisite designs, extra heavy posts.....	\$65.00	\$43.00
Beautifully designed All-Brass Beds, heart shaped.....	\$75.00	\$50.00
Aristically arranged Brass Beds, one-piece frame.....	\$85.00	\$58.00
Satin finished Brass Beds, Sixteenth Century design.....	\$100.00	\$66.00
Massive Brass Beds, exquisite scroll, rich design.....	\$120.00	\$79.00

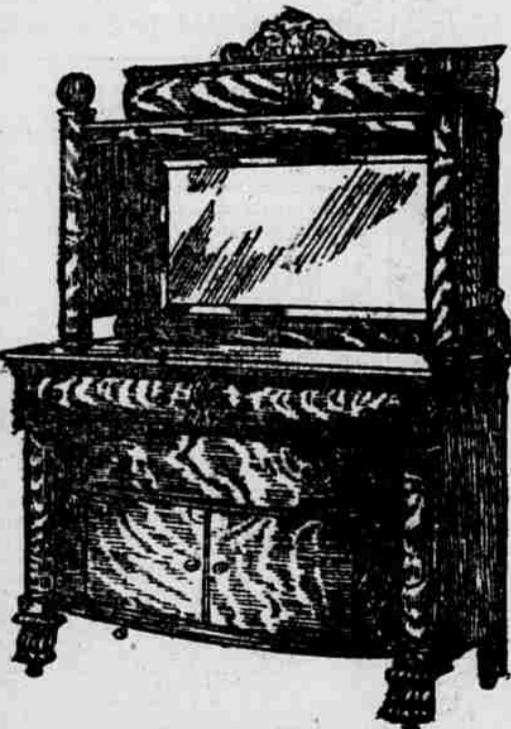
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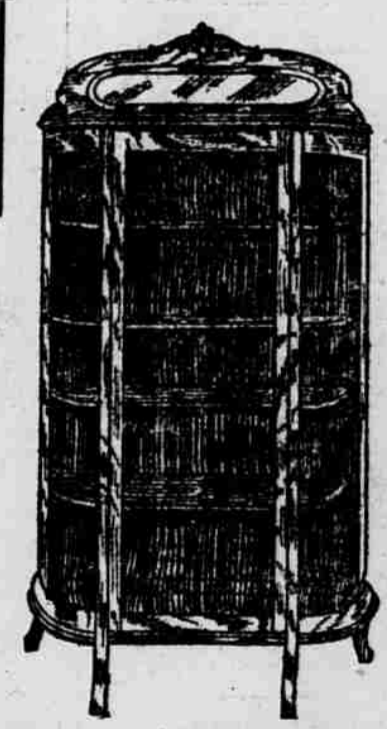
### Chifonier Chances.

Oak, mahogany and maple Chifoniers are offered you at great reductions. Prices that must and will appeal to the thrifty and the economical. These reductions are truths—these statements are not exaggerated—these facts deserve your consideration. \$40 Chifoniers for \$28, \$30 Chifoniers for \$18.75, \$22 Chifoniers for \$15, \$18 Chifoniers for \$12, \$13.50 Chifoniers for \$7.75 and \$6.50 Chifoniers for \$4.25



### Specials in CARPETS

By all means visit our Carpet Department to-morrow. We will place on sale 125 rolls of Brussels and 110 rolls of Ingrain at prices that will set the town a-talking.



## SPECIAL VALUES IN DINING - ROOM NEEDS.

Beginning to-morrow we offer remarkable reductions in our Dining-room Furniture. Sideboards, Extension Tables, China Closets, presenting the artistic productions of master mechanics, are offered at prices that are less than two-thirds their actual value. They're bright, fresh and substantial goods—each and every one guaranteed to stand the test of time.

SIDEBOARDS.	Regular Price.	Reduced to	EXTENSION TABLES.	Reg. price	Reduced to	CHINA CLOSETS.	Regular Price.	Reduced to
Solid Oak Sideboards, large base and mirror.....	\$12.00	\$ 8.98	Substantial Oak Finished Tables, six feet.....	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.98	Solid Oak China Closets, substantially arranged.....	\$ 20.00	\$13.50
Select Oak Sideboards, swelled top drawers.....	20.00	14.50	Solid Oak Square Top Tables, six feet.....	10.00	5.50	Solid Oak China Closets, mirror tops.....	25.00	17.50
Neatly Carved Sideboards, arranged with pattern mirrors.....	38.50	19.50	Round Top Tables, fluted legs, six feet.....	15.00	9.50	Quarter-Sawed Oak China Closets, carved tops.....	35.00	23.50
Canopy Top Sideboards, select oak, rich polish.....	35.00	23.00	Pillar Leg Extension Tables, six feet.....	25.00	16.00	Artistically Designed China Closets, quarter-sawed oak.....	45.00	29.00
Quarter-Sawed Oak Sideboards, richly carved.....	50.00	33.00	Round Top 8-foot Table, quartered oak.....	30.00	19.00	Massive Quarter-Sawed Oak China Closets.....	55.00	36.00
Combination Sideboard and China Closet, quartered oak.....	60.00	39.50	Quarter Sawed Oak 8-foot Tables, piano polish.....	30.00	19.50	Beautiful Quarter Mirror Back China Closets.....	60.00	39.00
Hand-Carved Sideboards, all quartered oak.....	70.00	47.00	Handsome Quarter Sawed Oak Tables, 10 feet.....	35.00	23.50	Artistically Hand-Carved China Closets, richly polished.....	75.00	50.00
Massive Quartered Oak Sideboards, hand carved.....	85.00	58.00	Colonial Top Tables, quartered oak, 10 feet.....	40.00	27.50	Half Mirror Back China Closets, artistically carved.....	85.00	57.00
Massive Quartered Oak Sideboards, rubbed polish.....	90.00	59.00	Beautifully arranged Pillar Leg Tables, 10 feet.....	50.00	34.50	Full Mirror Back China Closets, beautiful design.....	100.00	66.00
Massive Artistically Carved Sideboards, rubbed polish.....	100.00	64.50	Artistically designed Extension Tables, 10 feet.....	55.00	36.00	Full Mirror Back and Glass Shelf China Closet.....	125.00	80.00
All Hand-Carved Sideboards, 54-inch tops.....	125.00	80.00	Select Quartered Oak Tables, rubbed polish.....	60.00	40.00			

the various phases of the disease, and died within a few hours. On the following day the first passenger stricken also expired. The alarm of all on board reached the panic stage when the same day another passenger was found dead in his bunk. The four passengers had occupied adjoining berths in No. 1 stateroom.

There was no discussion as to what should be done with the bodies. They were dumped overboard as soon as they had been weighed and prepared for their sea burial. This action is deplored by the local health authorities, as they are thus far without subjects for investigation, but they are practically satisfied from the description of the symptoms furnished by the survivors on the ship that the disease which brought death to six of those on board was Asiatic cholera.

Mr. L. S. Alden, formerly with the Kenard Carpet Co., is now interested in the George-Stinson Furniture and Carpet Co., 616-618 Washington avenue, where he would be pleased to meet his friends.

### SKELETON HAND HOLDS KEY TO A FORTUNE.

Valuable Legal Documents Lost With a Frozen Messenger, Who Perished in the Wilderness of Alaska.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
San Francisco, March 14.—Gripped in the fleshless hand of a dead man somewhere in the snow-blown wilderness of Alaska there lies buried forever from human ken a precious document which would have been worth thousands in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. But human justice was forced to stop before the grim justice of nature, which had locked its secret fast

within the mysterious expanse of the Arctic's frozen circle.

Within the sober court of the three Circuit Judges there was unraveled a tragedy of the north which even caused the ready speech of the attorneys to halt and break. The spirits of men left to perish upon the snow barrens of the frozen north or to endure the tortures of lingering want haunted the dingy red canopy over the heads of the magistrates. Northwestern Commercial Company vs. R. D. McDougall was merged into the vivid chancery of Life vs. Death.

In the early Arctic winter of 1890 R. D. McDougall, an almost moneyless miner from the interior, contracted for his passage from Nome to Seattle, with the Northwestern Commercial Company. He gave them his last penny and agreed to make up the full cost of his passage by his labor. On the day of the vessel's sailing he was sent ashore to help load a lighter, after having taken his blankets and heavy clothing on board. That night the vessel sailed away in a blinding storm, leaving the miner to fight

the winter penniless and without clothes. He brought suit against the steamship company in the Alaska Circuit Court and gained judgment for \$11,000. From this judgment the commercial organization determined to take appeal to the Court of Appeals for the ninth circuit, meeting at San Francisco in the first week of February. To file their suit in time it was necessary to instruct it to the care of one of a party of men who were going overland by trail from Nome to Seattle.

With a transcript of record and a writ of error Doctor M. B. Miller started over the winter's trail. But the travelers had not proceeded far when the rigors of the wilderness gripped them. More and more painful became each faltering step. Miller, the bearer of the precious documents, lagged father and further in the rear. At last he froze to death. The body and the documents were left to the wolves and the winds.

When the attorneys endeavored to plead their case before the magistrates they were

asked to supply the necessary documents, and, failing to do so, their case was dismissed. The documents, which would have been worth thousands, were tight in a dead man's clutch far off somewhere in the depths of the lasting snows.

### DIES IN COLD CREEK WATER.

Teacher Falls Into Stream and Is Unable to Get Out.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
New Harmony, Ind., March 14.—Theodore Densigeld, a prominent school teacher of Robinson Township, was frozen to death near Parker's Settlement.

Densigeld had been at Parker's Settlement and did not start home until late in the night. The weather was severe and a cold frost was falling as the man left the roadhouse for his dark walk home. When near Mrs. Hull's farm he fell into

### KNABE PIANOS.

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a ditch and was unable to get out. When found the water had nearly covered him. He was placed on a wagon, but died before his home was reached. When found he was frozen almost stiff and his body was covered with ice.

He was about 60 years of age.